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DAILY-WEEKLY-SUNDAY.

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expecting the best of him.

for the union is wholly in the hands of the paragraphers of the country, to

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1907.

When you have a number of utles to perform, always do the nost disagreeable one first.—Quincy.

but it would be more dif- for 2,000 violets on the waiting list,

ferring to bot blood as manifested by the pop-cracker brigade. But there Southern man is more street-cleaning force. It is always a epeat, more sentimen. pleasure to give due credit to the ens Day, the one in the New York

is a state of mind and heart, or, as," says the editor of the Constitu-on, "is the one day in the year when e whole civilized world is touched th the gublime force of this miracle, o one may escape its contagion. The of us all'

If our Boston contemporary will critically compare the Tribune's essay with the Constitution's poem, it will catch our point of view.

But in drawing the parallel, we can not but take note of some pertinent remarks by Editor John Temple Graves, of the New York American, which seem to have a bearing on Atlanta's side of the case. Our readers know that Atlanta has just enjoyed her last wet Christmas, as prohibition is to prevail after the first of the year, Therefore, thus spoke Editor Graves on the night before Christmas:

"The good people of Atlanta and of Georgia are preparing to celebrate this Christmas Day with unusual fes-tivities. It is the last of the long line of hilarious Christmas days that the yital and vivid city of Atlanta has known."

It may well be, therefore, that the Constitution's poem was abnormally stimulated and inspired.

THE PARAGRAPHERS UNION. The Times-Dispatch hopes that those cards of membership in the Paragraph ers' Union, the text of which is reproduced in another column to-day, may prove, among the paragraphers to that binds. Young though the union is, and founded on undoubtedly com mendable principles, mutiny has alranks. One contemporary has already walked out, and another has formally reserved the right to follow. Red ink. which was liberally used in the union card, is commonly deemed a great compeller, and we trust that both of these friends may now reconsider. But If they will not, they are hereby bidden to go in peace. The paragraphers are

running a union without menace and without dynamite. They do not employ

Harry Orchard. The exit is always as clear to those who do not like them as the entrance shall always be easy

to those who knock for admission. Contemporaries who have charged The Times-Dispatch, in submitting its plan for a union, with fathering a new kind of \$5,000,000 conspiracy, are plod-Ming onward under a sombre cloud of

seeing where religious work is most urgently needed and thither directing their attention. Thus, ten years ago, it is said, they had only sixty-six missionaries at work among the delizens of Texas, while now they have 320. hallucination. This paper has no ax graphic tyranny, and certainly would shrink from constituting itself the cen-

"Egg and Nog were Slamese twins "Egg and Nog were Stamese twins, being united by a hyphen," says the Nashville American. And it was when the prohibition wave stove a hole in the hyphen and drowned poor Nog that the bitter cry grose from poor old

have been as merry as could be ex-pected in view of the melancholy fact one of the chief appetite-stayers was a low-grade Georgia possum.

votes of all the country's undesirable citizens, he ought to be able to put quite a full-sized crimp in any aspira-

clean of. It seeks to curtail the life of the rehash and limit the activities of the scissors. It seeks, in short, to stimulate its members to all the originality that is in them through the knowledge of a kind of compact among

them, and through the further knowllate creams are consumed in New York daily. Probably in no other town in the world are old millionaires so perfectly lovely to the ladies of the chorus,

Mrs. Elinor Glyn appears to be a mistress of those arts to which those other famous literatt, Bernard Shaw, Hall Caine and Tom Lawson largely

calling terms, though everyone was confident that their terms would be strictly of the calling down kind.

world, but ours is probably the first great nation to become Cannonized en bloc.

What would not the benighted inhab itants of Bean-bred Boston give for a few bites of this glorious Old Virginia

membered in history as the man who first gave wide currency to the fine old term of "hill-billy."

The President saw the fleet off, and would doubtless be glad to extend the

odd-jobmen and others of that clan promptly relapse into the manners of everyday.

happy as those adorned by the genuine William Skillit Christmas trees. Undoubtedly, Charlie Hughes is the proprietor of the mildest-mannered boom that ever cut a political throat.

Mr. Cortelyou may not have said that he bitterly thought it.

The Senator From Arkanana Should Not Be Saddled Upon the Whole South. The idea is apparently yet to be born among the people of the Southleon deliberately engaged France in prevent a revolution at home. It looks State that a representative of a state content of the Christmas as a classic," and is academic and analytical, not to say coldiblooded. Christmas to the Tribune writer is a topic, and is treated very much in the same manner and spirit that our contemporary would have discussed a political convention, or a disgright.

To some," it says, "the significance of Christmas is profoundly spiritual, to others it is dogmatic, to still others it is purely secular. Some regard it from the scientifically historical point of the scie as though President Roosevelt will State is a representative of a State

The Baptists are always acute at Indianapolis News.

### Rhymes for To-Day

MEDITATIONS ON THE COMING OF



loaded With gifts, whether portly or small. Long, long was the post-office goaded For means to deliver them all. But now, both for princes and peas-

And now for the bills.

We've taken what others have given, We've given them back just as good. We've spent mon like water, by hiven! We've made all the Christmas we

ravish
Are past, who to sorrow would stoop?
An on! We were right to be lavish—
And now to recoup.

H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

Something In That.

A young man of Boston who had failed to pay his laundry bill endeavored to turn his Chinaman aside from inquiry by an attach upon the Celestial's manner of speech. "Why do you say 'Filday,' John?" he asket. "Say Filday because I mean Filday,' replied John, stoutly. "No say Filday, and mean maybe week after nex!, like Melican man."—Christian Register. "The man who makes the greatest suc-cess," remarked the moralizer. "Is the one who begins at the bottom of the ladder and vorks his way up."
"Oh. I don't know," rejoined the de-moralizer. "How about the chap who is to grip to cesape from a fire?"—Chicago

"Do you enjoy your new automobile?"
"Not much," answered the nervous man,
When it runs I am apprehensive, and when
doesn't I am annoyed."—Washington Star.

THE PARAGRAPHERS' UNION.

THE Milwaukee Sentinel calls upon the Paragraphers' Union to taboo the stuff that made Milwaukee famous. The Alabama and Georgia contingent will do this soon, but not because they want to especially.—Washington Herald.

We are opposed to the Richmond Times-Dispatch's Paragraphers' Union because its Machiavellian inventor wants to rule out all mbjects which he can't handle better than anybody else in the paragraph business.— Norfolk Landmark.

THE PARAGRAPHERS' UNION.

Cards of Membership Matted From This

Office to Many Papers.

On Christman Eve handsomely printed certificates of membership in the new Paragraphers' Union where mailed to a select list of newspapers with the compliments of The Times-Dispatch. These cards were printed in two colors on large cards, suitable for framing, and were signed, for the union, by the New York Mail, the Houston Post and The Times-Dispatch, three of the New York Mail, the Houston rost and The Times-Dispatch, three of the earliest and most enthusiastic mem-bers. The name-head of each of these papers was photographed and repro-duced in miniature by way of signa-

ture,
The fac simile of the union membership card is as follows:

The Paragraphers' Union

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THE EVENING MAIL
THE HOUSTON POST.
Che Comes (CDD) Plapairt

Copies of this card were sent to the New York Madl, Houston Post, Washington Herald, Charleston News and Courier, Montgomerry Advertiser. Norfolk Virginian-Pilot Nashvilic American, Nashville Tennesseean, Bristol Herald-Ccurier, Chattanooga Star, Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta Georgian, Louisville Courier-Journal, Rochester Post Express, Milwaukee Sentinel, Columbus Enquirer-Sun, Boston Globe, All of these newspapers, with one exception, have either signified their destre to become members of the union, or evinced real interest in its work.

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Miles. Ton Miles. United Kingdom. 123-10 billion. 173 billion. United Kingdom. 123-10 billion. 11 billion. According to the author of the article in the World's Work, there were, in 1903. \$559 casualities to passengers in the United Kingdom and \$5.85 in the United Kingdom and \$5.85 in the United Kingdom and \$5.85 in the United States, or 1 in England to every 24-10 in this country; and the total casualities were in the proportion of 1 in England to every 43-10 in the United States. The volume of passenger transportation was 17-10 times greater and the volume of freight transportation more than fifteen times greater in this country (as shown by the above figures) than in Great Britain and Ireland. A comparison of the figures for later years would doubtless give like results.

In comparing the accidents in the two countries, it is fair to observe that we have in this country more than nine two countries, it is fair to observe that we have in this country more than nine two countries, and the second the mileage of the United Kingdom is double-tracked and cost \$275,000 per mile, while about \$ per cent, of the mileage of this country is double-tracked, and the average cost is about \$5.000 per mile. The United

### **Appetite for Crabs** THE codfish has an enormous appetite

for shell-fish, crabs and lobsters. He eats them alive and he eats them raw. He eats them all without indigestion and grows fat. He has a powerful liver.

The oil from the cod's liver makes

# Scott's Emulsion

A natural power to digest and to produce flesh is in every spoonful. This power means new vigor and new flesh for those who suffer from wasting diseases.

All Druggists; 50c, and \$1.00

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States has 50 per cent, more track in yards and sidings alone than the total of all kinds of track in the United Kingdom.

It is a fact not generally known that the majority of persons who lose their lives upon the railroads of the United States are trespassers, and the deaths of more than 50 per cent. of the passengers killed are due to other causes than train accidents. The total number of passengers killed during the year 1906 was 415, of which 182 were killed in train accidents, and the romainder from such causes as failing on or off, etc. More than 30 per cent. of the injuries reported by the railroad companies to the Interstate Commerce Commission are received by employes and others from causes in no way connected with train movement, and all injuries, however slight, are included, provided they prevent the sufferer from "performing his accustomed service for more than three days in the aggregate, during the ten days immediately following the accident." The definition of an injury in the English reports may differ materially, which would materially affect the value of comparative figures.

In this country during the year 1906 not a single passenger was killed in an not as single passenger was killed in an not a single passenger was killed in an our provided the value of comparative figures.

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to communicate this experience, to prevent, wherever possible, a recurrence of mistakes and to gather and disseminate information concerning laws or methods of work which have been shown to make for more efficient administration.

The League of Virginia Municipalities is not content with the striving after the improvement or betterment of conditions in the several cities and towns of the State, though its constant endeavor will be to bring and keep the municipalities of Virginia abreast of the best municipalities of the country, it endeavors to teach the truth that every community owes

Sir,-I have long thought there was

Killed inside of a car.

The figures that I have given above are accessible to any one, and the conclusions are susceptible of proof. I therefore request that you publish them in answer to the statements so often made in disparagement of the railroads of this country.

Your respectfully.

Assistant to President R. F. and P. Railroad Co., Washington-Southern Railway Co.

Richmond, Va., December 24, 1907.

As Important Convention.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

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Fathers, will you neglect a sacred Duty? You know that winter months bring colds and you know that Pneumonia is to be dreaded. Croup is dangerous. GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE scatters in fammation. It cures. Then buy to-day and be prepared. 25c, 50c—external. All druggists.

# Famous Words of Famous Men.

"The Survival of the Fittest."--HERBERT SPENCER'



Spencer's great philosophic work, "The First Principles of Blology," appeared originally as a serial, which was issued, as fast as the first instalment of eighty pages was delivered in January, 1862.

"No philosopher has ever employed such wealth of illustrations and facts to explain his meaning or to prove his thesis."

Spencer himself says, on page 520 of Volume I, of the 1878 edition of his "Biology," that the words in the headline "were here used for the first time."

"In July, 1866," continues Mr. Spencer, "A. R. Wallace wrote to Mr. Darwin and contended that 'survival of the fittest' should be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, of the 'survival of the fittest' should be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, "In section 161 of Volume I, of the 1878 edition of Spencers' "Biology," that the words in the substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, of the 'survival of the fittest' should be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, of the 'survival of the fittest' hould be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, of the 'survival of the fittest' should be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, of the 'survival of the fittest' should be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection," Syspencer, of the 'survival of the fittest' should be substituted for the Darwinian equivalent of 'natural selection,' says that "the expression of the fittest' more accurate, and, sometimes, equally convenient."

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